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Much of FBI success depends on its lab

THE FBI LABORATORY

The Bureau's Laboratory is charged with the responsibility of providing services for two major groups within the law enforcement community. First, it is utilized by the FBI in connection with its investigations which involve criminal, security or other types of cases. Secondly, the lab offers direct assistance to state and local police departments.

Many times, the success of the FBI is dependant on the quality of scientific and technical services provided by the laboratory. The FBI will continue to have a heavy impact on organized crime, white collar crime and foreign counterintelligence only so long as all aspects of its investigations jell — including the high quality analysis of evidence currently provided by the laboratory. The comprehensive services made available by the FBI Lab provide for immediate, around-the-clock responses to a wide variety of unpredictable demands imposed on law enforcement officials.

Current FBI "target" cases are those specifically designed to expose and bring to justice certain mob figures, white collar criminals and foreign intelligence operatives who are continually devising more sophisticated methods with which to thwart the law. The unique expertise of the FBI Laboratory is relied heavily upon in connection with target type cases during various document, polygraph, gambling and loansharking examinations. Other services include analysis of secret writing, cryptanalysis, translation, surveillance photography and the preparation of trial charts which in some instances are necessary to bring investigations to a successful conclusion.

In addition, FBI Laboratory personnel are on occasion assigned to participate in crime scene searches which occur during major kidnapping, hijacking, civil rights or bomb-terrorism type investigations. These specialists offer direct on-the-scene scientific and technical support of FBI field operations.